

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, after title, please add the following paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/235,882, filed September 5, 2002 that has resulted in U.S. Patent No. 6,665,586.

Please amendment paragraph beginning at page 6, line 23 through page 7, line 3, as follows:

Thereafter, the entire data file is sent to a variable data file 72. The variable data file 72 is the file from which information may be obtained to perform variable data printing. One of the first steps in variable data printing is the creation of the variable data form 76. This process is well known in the art. After the form 76 has been programmed for the appropriate customer data 12, the two are merged together to create the individual customer specific shipping materials and documents. As is shown in Figure 5, the merging process can take place either before data is sent to the printer or as data is sent to the printer. Depending upon the printer model chosen, a trigger 84 may be present which allows the printer to compile the form and the customer data at the printer 86. After being compiled at the printer, the documents and shipping label for each customer are printed 88 such that they come out stapled or bound together as a single packet 89.

A triggered system is preferably used on printers such as the Heidelberg 9110.